

GRATIOT COUNTY SCHOOL NOTES

A meeting of the patrons of District No. 8 Wheeler was held Tuesday evening, June 20th, to determine as to public opinion in maintaining Wheeler school a tuition school. By the unanimous vote of the people, it is to continue as a tuition school. The Commissioner of Schools explained the reason why the necessary repairs should be made as required by the Superintendent of Public Instruction for the benefit of the pupils, proper heating, ventilating and lighting must be provided.

In the discussion for a better school the subject of Consolidation was explained. Following the discussion, a committee was appointed to start the circulation of petitions in the districts interested, to secure the necessary 25 per cent. A few determined workers will be able to bring to Wheeler vicinity an excellent graded school. The people will have one of the best schools brought to their door. It is a worthy cause.

Friday evening a meeting was held at North Star for the purpose of showing the people of that township the value of rural consolidation for the township. North Star township could be organized into one district with an assessed valuation of two and one-half millions. There is a strong feeling in the township for better schools.

North Shade has for years had one of the best farmers' clubs in the state for bringing about co-operation of schools and homes. This year the township schools united and held exercises for the 8th grade pupils who completed the county examinations this June. Rev. Rutledge of Alma gave the address at the U. B. church. It is hoped that the movement will continue.

Mr. and Mrs. McKibben are to be congratulated for the success of the commencement program at Pompeii. Beatrice Cumberworth, Maurice Doan, and Golden Henry having completed the tenth grade, delivering their part of the program in an excellent manner and without any hesitation. The principal and graduates were highly commended by Prof. Penice of Mt. Pleasant who gave the address of the evening, "The Arithmetic of Life." The music by the Central Normal Quartette was enjoyed by all. Commissioner of Schools, Howard Potter, presented the diplomas.

Bannister school board has met the requirements for a Standard School and now have the "Standard Plate." It is the first three-roomed school in the county to be thus honored. "It is a pleasure to go about the county and meet Boards of Education which are endeavoring to provide means to give to the boys and girls conditions that will make for strong, healthy bodies, as well as for success mentally."

SETHON

Several from here attended the circus in Alma Saturday evening. The Whoosever class cleared \$5.45 serving ice cream at the store Friday evening.

The L. A. S. will have a hen party at the store next Friday evening. Every one bring a hen to be donated to the L. A. S. Ice cream will also be served.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Morse were business visitors in Ithaca Saturday. Little Hope Jones has returned to her home in Palo.

Mr. and Mrs. Marley Knott were Sunday visitors at the Earl Shuttleworth home near Summer.

Chas. Holden of Mt. Pleasant spent Sunday and Monday here looking after his place.

The L. A. S. held a very pleasant and profitable meeting with Mrs. Ruth Gager Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. John Jarvis accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Joe Jarvis of Brice, to Alma Friday where they spent the day visiting relatives.

Mr. Jenne of Pompeii was here on business Monday.

Next Sunday evening a children's day program will be given at the church here.

A large crowd from here and else where attended the baptismal services on the banks of the Pine Sunday afternoon. Twenty-three people were baptized.

WRIGHT SCHOOL

Little Miss Margaret Vancore entertained eighteen little friends, Friday afternoon in honor of her 4th birthday. Eighteen children and ten mothers were present. Ice cream, nabiscoes, birthday candy, and salted peanuts were served and some very pretty little gifts were left when the little ones returned home.

Most everybody from this neighborhood spent Saturday in Alma.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rockafellow and son James of Alma spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rockafellow.

Mrs. Claud Wiley entertained her mother from Riverdale last Thursday.

CELEBRATION AT COE

A basket picnic and old time Fourth of July celebration will be held on July 4 in the C. D. Alexander's grove west of Coe. There will be plenty of sport and amusement for those who attend, the committee having arranged for three ball games, slow auto races, scrub horse races, sack races, etc.

RIVERDALE

Miss Ruth VanAlstine of Flint is spending her summer vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Van Alstine.

Miss Twila Bradley left Monday morning to attend summer school at the Mt. Pleasant Normal. She has accepted the position as teacher of the Dunn school for the coming year.

Mrs. L. Barnes and Mrs. Bert Tuttle and son, Robert, of Lyons, Mich., visited friends in Riverdale and vicinity the past week.

Mrs. Laurel Welch and children returned Friday morning from a two week's visit with relatives near Vestaburg.

Mrs. Langin of Shepherd spent the past week with her mother, Mrs. Rose LaMay.

Mrs. Claude Parkinson of Owosso was called to Riverdale Saturday on account of the serious illness of her father, Mr. L. A. Carner.

Miss Tella VanAlstine has accepted a position at Bay Port for the summer and left for that place Saturday.

Mrs. D. D. Snider of Pompeii spent over Sunday with friends in town.

Miss Winifred Croton is the new clerk at the Num and Looney store.

Dr. and Mrs. T. J. Carney of Alma and Miss Francis Dickinson of Alma were guests of Dr. and Mrs. Highfield Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Rose were in Alma last Wednesday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Fitzgerald of Mt. Pleasant were guests of Mrs. Cora Nunn last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Heatherington of near Winn were here last Thursday to attend the graduating exercises.

Quite a number in this vicinity took in the show at Elwell last week.

Mrs. Flossie Lucas was an Alma visitor Friday.

Howard Hudson, who has been working in Lansing for some time, spent Saturday and Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Cora Hudson.

Miss Pauline Stald of Elwell was a week end guest of her sister, Mrs. Chester Swarthout.

Claude Whitford is quite ill with pneumonia.

Mrs. Sydney Gould returned last Thursday from her week's visit with relatives at Big Rapids.

Miss Dagmar VanAlstine has returned home from Mt. Pleasant.

L. A. Carner is seriously ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Morgan of Lansing are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Whitford.

Mrs. E. M. Highfield spent Wednesday at the farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Harry, northwest of town.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank French were at Saginaw Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Leiter have returned from their two weeks' vacation with relatives at Six Lakes and Orleans.

Miss Lillian Harrison was an Alma visitor Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clair Sturdivant and children spent Sunday with Mrs. J. Holland, south west of town.

Mrs. George LaFaulx has accepted the position as teacher of the Boyer school for next year.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Harry entertained relatives from Shepherd Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Schnepf and children and Mr. and Mrs. Owen have been spending the past week fishing at Houghton lake.

A very fine program was given by the scholars of the intermediate and primary rooms of the Riverdale public schools last Thursday afternoon, on the school grounds. The program included dancing, games, and the crowning of the May Queen, which was acted out by Miss Vera Frisbie.

The grounds were decorated for the occasion and the gowns worn by the Queen and attendants were very attractive. Mrs. Chester Swarthout furnished the music for the afternoon which was enjoyed very much. Much credit is due to the Misses Tella Van Alstine and Catherine Cummings who worked hard and faithfully to present the festival.

Mr. and Mrs. Olen G. Ferris are visiting relatives at Ada, Olivet, and Grand Rapids.

Miss Mary Holland has gone to Utica and Buffalo, N. Y., to spend a month or more with relatives.

Ryan Schnepf and wife have returned from spending a week at Houghton lake.

Miss Eulalia Holt of Saginaw is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Holt, north of town.

Mrs. Theodore Hanson and Mrs. Roy Heiser were in Alma Thursday shopping.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Looney were in Alma Tuesday on business.

W. A. Harrison was in Alma Monday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Manhout of near Vestaburg were callers at Alexander Black's Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Harrison were Riverdale visitors last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Sadler of Alma spent over Sunday with relatives at Ferris.

James Shager, northeast of Riverdale had the misfortune to lose two horses by lightning last week.

Vance Woodward, who was seriously injured in an automobile accident two weeks ago, is gaining nicely.

ITHACA

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kimble have traded their residence just north of the depot for the hotel at North Star. They will take possession at once.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Smith of State College, Pa., are spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kinsel, and other relatives.

Mrs. M. H. Simcox in company with her daughter and husband, Mr.

and Mrs. Webb McCall, of Mt. Pleasant, left recently for Covington, Ky., where they will visit a sister of Mrs. McCall, Mrs. Wm. Dupree. They are making the trip by auto.

Mr. and Mrs. Roe Mulholland of Highland Park spent the past week with North Star and Ithaca relatives. Dr. and Mrs. W. M. Weller left the past week for a month's visit in the home of their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Reid, at the Soo. Enroute they were joined by their son, Neil Weller, of Ann Arbor, who after July 1st, will be one of the surgeons in the Ford hospital, Detroit.

The funeral of Mrs. Lange of Saginaw, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elfricht of this place, was held on Wednesday afternoon at the home of her parents. Burial was made in the Ithaca cemetery. Surviving are the husband, infant child, her parents and several brothers and sisters.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Peabody and three daughters of Urbana, Ill., are guests of Charles Peabody and son, Glenn, and wife.

Dr. and Mrs. M. J. Budge and daughter, Betty, spent the past week in Detroit and Ann Arbor.

Charles Maurer, a farmer of Newark township, died early Friday morning after a long illness. Surviving are his wife and two daughters, one residing in California and Helen at home and a son, Herbert, also at home, and his mother, Mrs. A. K. Overmire, of this place.

The following Ithaca teachers will teach in the schools at Mt. Clemens the coming school year: Misses Gretchen Marquette, Helen Kennett, Julia Bohli, Nina Sackett, Arlene Kernan and Ruth Pimney.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Brown and Mrs. V. R. Sutliff and daughter, Miss Louise Sutliff, of Pasadena, California, came recently to spend several weeks in the homes of F. S. and C. M. Brown and H. E. Lewis.

Children's Day was observed at the Baptist church Sunday in place of the regular preaching service.

Ithaca Epworth League will be represented at the State Epworth League institute at Lansing by Harlan McCall, Harold Laycock and Byron Boyd.

Word has been received from Rev. William Roberts that both Mrs. Roberts and Miss Nettie Roberts underwent successful operations in an Ann Arbor private hospital Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Russell and grandson Bruce are spending two weeks at Crystal.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Fleming attended the past week commencement exercises at M. A. C. of which their son, Harold, is a graduate from the engineering department.

BRECKENRIDGE

Mr. Hugh McCallum and family have returned home from Midland where Mr. McCallum has been employed for several months.

Miss Martha Hetzman, who has just closed her year's school work at Charlotte, returned home Friday to spend the summer vacation with her mother, Mrs. Eva Hetzman.

Jack Priesorn, assistant cashier at the Farmers' State Bank, is in Cassville spending a two weeks' vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Millard Hopkins of Riverdale spent the week end with her mother, Mrs. Agnes Crawford.

Mrs. Anna Sabin went to Edmore Sunday evening to spend the week with her daughter, Mrs. Clyde Thomas.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward Hodge and baby boy, Ward, Jr., and J. R. Juleway of Flint spent the week end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Hodge.

Miss Ada McLeod who is employed in Grand Rapids spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex McLeod.

EMERSON

Miss Hazel Mann went to Greenville on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Peters and family spent Saturday and Sunday in Edmore.

Mr. and Mrs. William Reed entertained company from Stanton and McBride Sunday.

Miss Inez Prezier was home from Lansing over the week end.

Elmer White's daughter and family of Summer spent Sunday with her father.

While backing her automobile into the garage Mary Mann ran over her little daughter's foot, injuring it very badly.

G. Hetzman, wife and baby of Lansing spent the week end here with friends and relatives.

Irene Foster is helping Mrs. Roy Lundenslager for a short time.

Mr. Roslund and family spent Sunday near Breckenridge.

NORTHWEST SEVILLE

A number from here attended the show at Elwell during the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Puchart of Pleasant Valley and Mrs. C. Dickinson and little son, Charles, visited at the home of V. Dickinson, on Friday.

Arline Ingram visited with her grandmother, Mrs. Irene Decker, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Loomis and V. Dickinson were Alma visitors Sunday.

Ethel Tymn went to Mt. Pleasant Sunday, where she expects to enter the Normal.

G. J. Poole and Mr. and Mrs. Munger attended the circus in Alma Saturday.

Mrs. Peter Welch and a lady friend of Coldwater are visiting at the home of Mrs. Irene Decker.

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ELY DISTRICT

H. E. Wilson and family are in Lansing and intend to move their goods to that place in the near future.

Gladya Brown of Emerson visited with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Brown, a few days last week.

Goldie Stanton of Lansing is visiting her father and brothers, also friends in this vicinity. Her brother, Otto, accompanied her home but has returned.

Chas. Andrews and family spent Saturday in Lansing.

C. H. Howell of Alma was a caller in this vicinity the first of the week.

A number of window lights in the Bradford tenement house and the school home have been broken out.

Frank Kinney of Newark visited Jesse and Ronald Bacon Sunday.

Arthur Dairyapple's were in Lansing Sunday.

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The Court meets weekly and before it must appear any employee, whether manager or truck driver, who has been involved in an accident during the preceding week. The employee comes into court as defendant with his immediate superior as his attorney. The Chairman of the Safety Council is the judge. Other members of the Council serve as jurors.

When the investigation shows that the employee has been guilty of carelessness in observing traffic laws, penalties are fixed and punishment assessed by the jury. The punishment is often as novel as the plan itself. For instance, a truck-driver recently convicted of carelessness was removed from his position and sentenced to work for two weeks in the Company warehouse as a common laborer.

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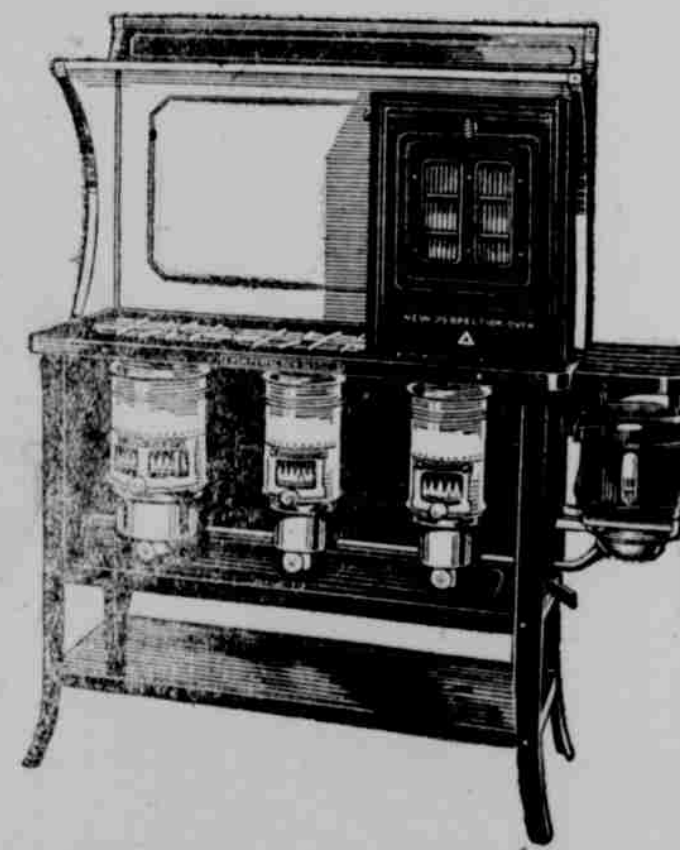
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